3. Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector

4. Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Road Transport and Highways and National Highways Authority of India.

5. Setting up of Model Driving Training School in the country.

6. Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

7. Institution on National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

8 Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

9. Provision of cranes and ambulance to various State Government/ NGOs under Naitonal Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.

10. Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

Four-laning of NH-7

217. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the implementation of the four-laning of NH-7 between Hyderabad and the new international airport;

(b) whether it is a fact that the four-laning of this stretch has been awarded to a different contractor from the original one in December, 2005;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(d) the execution schedule of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The stretch of NH-7 between Hyderabad and the new International Airport (Km 9.4 to 22.3) forms part of ongoing project *i.e.* four laning from km 464 to km 474 of Nagpur-Hyderabad section and km 9.4 to 2.2.3 of Hyderabad-Bangalore section of NH-7 in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The original contractor M/s. You One-Maharia (JV) had furnished forged Bank Guarantees. When detected, the contract was terminated and the balance work was awarded to M/s M.B. Patil. Construction Company Ltd. through open bidding. However, the progress of this contractor also remained slow and, therefore, it has been proposed to delete the reach from Km. 9.4 to 19.00 leading to Hyderabad International Airport from the scope of this contractor and to get it executed through M/s. GMR Jadcherla Expressways Pvt. Ltd. who are the concessionaire for adjacent reach, of the project. The work is likely to be completed by September 2007.

Four/Six laning of NHs

†218. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of four/six laning of National Highways Nos. 19B-77,19B-85,28A, 30,31, 57A, 77,80 and 84 under NHDP phase-III has been approved;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no initial action has been taken so far on the ground level for the construction of around 890 Km. long stretch of above said sanctioned various highways;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a stretch of Motihari-Raxol section has been included in the National Highway No. 28A but it has not been approved from Piparkothi to Motihari despite passage of East-West corridor highway from Piparkothi point: and

(d) if so, the comprehensive details thereof and the type momentum Government propose to bring for the construction thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) the following 10 stretches totaling 890 km of National Highway in Bihar have been identified under NHDP Phase III:—

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